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**Donald Boyle and Stephen Boyle Win Award for Best Homebrewed Mead at World’s Largest Beer Competition**

*American Homebrewers Association’s National*

*Homebrew Competition Sees 7,600+ Entries*

**Colonia, NJ • June <<Insert day>>, 2015** —Donald Boyle and Stephen Boyle of Colonia, NJ**,** was presented the Meadmaker of the Year Award for Best of Show mead in the 37th annual [American Homebrewers Association](http://www.homebrewersassociation.org) (AHA) [National Homebrew Competition](http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition/winners). The award was announced June 13 at the [AHA National Homebrewers Conference](http://www.ahaconference.org/) awards banquet held at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego.

Donald Boyle and Stephen Boyle’s homebrewed entry, a blueberry mead, was declared the best-of-show mead by a panel of the top mead judges in the United States. Blueberry mead is a <<describe mead>>.

The 2015 National Homebrew Competition had 7,663 entries from 3,170 homebrewers located in all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Greece and Israel. A total of 330 homebrewed meads were entered.

The first round took place at 12 regional sites across the country. The top three entries at each site in each of the 28 brew style categories advance to the final round of the competition, held every year at the AHA National Homebrewers Conference.

This year, the final round of judging took place June 11 at the AHA National Homebrewers Conference, where 36 entries were evaluated by the judges.

“The American Homebrewers Association is excited to announce that Donald Boyle and Stephen Boyle make one of the best homebrewed meads in the world,” said Janis Gross, director, National Homebrew Competition. “Their entry was judged Best of Show mead, beating out nearly 100 outstanding mead entries in the final round of the National Homebrew Competition—the world’s largest and most prestigious homebrew competition—and that’s an extraordinary achievement.”

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The AHA National Homebrew Competition recognizes the most outstanding homemade beer, mead and cider being produced by homebrewers worldwide. Over its 37 year history, the National Homebrew Competition has evaluated 118,911 brews. The first competition, held in 1979 in Boulder, Colo., judged 34 beers.

A complete list of winners at the National Homebrew Competition can be found here:

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/competitions/national-homebrew-competition/winners/>

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